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In re the Application of:

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on February 1, 2007. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 2, 2007 (since April 1, 2007 was a Sunday).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.